PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) FY 2005 (Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)	Docket Number (Optional) 246472005200

Application Number	10/623,803	Filed	July 22, 2003

For   INTERVERTEBRAL DISC PROSTHESIS

Art Unit	3732	Examiner	A. Ramana

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

		Fee	Small Entity Fee	
[X]	One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	$120	$60	$ 120.00
[ ]	Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	$450	$225	$
[ ]	Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	$1020	$510	$
[ ]	Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	$1590	$795	$
[ ]	Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	$2160	$1080	$

[ ] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

[ ] A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

[ ] Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

[X] The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

[X] The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number   03-1952   ~~I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.~~ Fee Transmittal form (PTO/SB/17) is attached to this submission in duplicate.

I am the

[ ] applicant/inventor.

[ ] assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
     Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

[ ] attorney or agent of record. Registration Number _____

[X] attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34.
     Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34   28,055   .

Signature	April 10, 2006 _Date_
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NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.

[ ] Total of ____1____ forms are submitted.

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